received from individual organisations are considered as per the existing policies of Government of India and norms laid down for the purpose. Normally, State-wise allocations are not made in definite pre-determined proportion under the schemes for financial assistance to voluntary organisations.

Own Farm Water Management Scheme

†*376. SHRIMATI KUM'KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Own Farm Water Management Scheme;

(b) in which States of the country the above scheme has been introduced;

(c) whether the Bihar Government has submitted any proposal for Own Farm Water Management Scheme; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) In order to improve production & productivity in Eastern part of the country a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Own Farm Water Management" is proposed for implementation during the DC Five Year Pain in the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Eastern U.R, W.B. (9 districts), Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Mizoram. Under the scheme, financial assistance for shallow tube wells, dug wells lift irrigation points, diesel pump sets would be provided through NAB ARD as credit linked scheme. The proposed pattern of funding provides for 20% beneficiary's contribution, 30% assistance from Government of India and 50% loan from NAB ARD.

(c) and (d) The Government of Bihar had submitted a proposal on Million Shallow Tube wells Scheme to the Planning Commission who suggested to this Ministry to cover this under the "Own Farm Water Management Scheme." The suggestion of the Planning Commission has been taken into account in the scheme. Besides, Planning Commission have allocated an additional central assistance of Rs. 25.5 crore to the Government of Bihar under the State Plan to implement the Million Shallow Tube Well Project.

Discontinuation of season tickets

*377. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rakesh Mohan Committee has recommended to discontinue the season ticket facility for rail passengers;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.